

# Oxford Area School District

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### Kids First, Progress and Unity

April 20, 2022

Dear Oxford Area High School students and families,

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is requiring that all school districts administer the Keystone exams. The window to take the exams has been expanded due to the shifts in instructional models through the academic school year.

As indicated on our school website, Keystone exams will occur on the following dates and times listed below:

- Algebra I – May 17 and May 18, 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Biology – May 19 and May 24, 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Literature – May 25 and May 26, 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The Spring Keystone Exams window for the Oxford Area School District is from May 16, 2022 through May 27, 2022, at Penn's Grove School and Oxford Area High School.

Starting May 2, 2022, parents and guardians may review the Keystone Exams if they believe they may be in conflict with their religious beliefs by making arrangements with the building principal.

Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the Keystone Exam or notes about exam questions will be permitted to leave the school.

If, after reviewing the Keystone Exams, parents or guardians do not want their child to participate in the one or all of the exams due to a conflict with their religious beliefs, they may write to the Superintendent, Mr. David Woods, prior to the beginning of the exam(s) to request to excuse their child from the exam(s).

Participation is a factor in the overall score for each school. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, “Students who do not participate in the assessment due to parental request will negatively affect the school’s participation rate and can potentially have a negative impact on the school’s accountability status.”

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Attendance is very important during these testing days and it is especially important for your child to arrive at school on time. Should your child miss any portion of the Keystone Exam(s), make up sessions have been built into each school's testing schedule.

For additional information about the Keystone Exams, visit the SAS website at [www.pdesas.org](http://www.pdesas.org). Thank you for your continued support in the education of your child. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your respective school building.

Sincerely,

James A. Canaday, Principal



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